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Sir:

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INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
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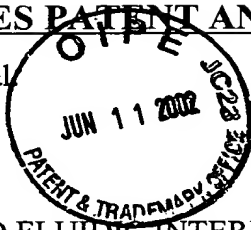
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Supplemental Amendment is filed as an addition to the Amendment previously filed on May 6, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

D' Another aspect of the present invention is an ink container for use with a printing portion of an off-axis printing system. The ink container has a docked position for providing ink to the printing portion. In the docked position the printing portion is responsive to electrical signals from the ink container for controlling printer parameters. The ink container includes a fluid outlet portion for providing fluid to the printing portion. The fluid outlet portion is mounted rigidly relative to the ink container. The fluid outlet portion is configured for engaging corresponding guiding features associated with the printing portion to properly align the fluid outlet portion with corresponding fluid inlet portions associated with the printing portion. Also included is an electrical interface portion having a plurality of electrical contacts for transferring information between the ink container and the printing portion. The electrical interface portion including an engagement portion disposed opposite the plurality of electrical contacts. The electrical interface portion in the docked position engaging guiding features associated with the printing portion to position electrical contact portions associated with the printing portion in a biased relationship between the engagement portion and the plurality of electrical contacts to electrically engage the ink container with the printing portion without applying an unbalanced force on the ink container.

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